

District Judge Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

AMANDEEP SINGH HEIRH, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-1657-RSM

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
December 21, 2023

Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate their Forms I-589, Applications for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on January 8, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until May 23, 2024.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff Guriqbal Singh Heihr’s asylum interview for January  
5 24, 2024, and Plaintiff Amandeep Singh Heirh’s asylum interview for January 31, 2024. USCIS  
6 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudications within 120 days of the interviews,  
7 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for  
8 adjudications. If the adjudications are not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status  
9 report to the Court. Plaintiffs will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to  
10 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiffs recognize that failure to submit  
11 documents prior to the interview may require the interview(s) to be rescheduled and the  
12 adjudication(s) delayed. If needed, Plaintiffs will bring an interpreter to the interviews, otherwise  
13 the interviews will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. After the interviews,  
14 USCIS will need time to adjudicate Plaintiffs’ asylum applications. Once the applications are  
15 adjudicated, Plaintiffs will dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and  
16 attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct  
17 Plaintiffs’ asylum interviews and then process their asylum applications.

18 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the  
19 case in abeyance until May 31, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before  
20 May 31, 2024.

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1 Dated: December 21, 2023

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until May 31, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 31, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE